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First Named Applicant: Chakrabarti) Art Unit: 2176
Serial No.: 09/523,639) Examiner: Nguyen
Filed: March 10, 2000) AM9-98-128
For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DISTRIBUTED) January 6, 2004
AUTONOMOUS MAINTENANCE OF) 750 B STREET, Suite 3120
BIDIRECTIONAL HYPERLINK METADATA ON) San Diego, CA 92101
THE WEB AND SIMILAR HYPERMEDIA)
REPOSITORY

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 31, 2003, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

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